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- I. Introductory remarks by Co-Chairs Mr. Zhang Daming (China) and Mr. Peter Ferguson (Canada)**
- II. Report on APEC developments**
 - i. The APEC Secretariat to provide brief reports on APEC developments relevant to the work of the ECSG.**
 - ii. Representatives from the Committee on Trade and Investment to brief the ECSG on the APEC Leaders' Statement to Implement APEC Policies on Trade and the Digital Economy and on Trade Facilitation Initiative.**
- III. Review of the 2002 ECSG Work Plan**
 - i. Paperless Trading**

Chair to lead a discussion on whether member economies should update and complete their Paperless Trading IAP before the Trade Ministers' Meeting in June.

 - a) Lead economies to report on the Electronic SPS Certificate pathfinder (Australia and New Zealand) and the electronic Certificate of Origin pathfinder (Singapore).**
 - ii. Consumer Protection**

Member economies to review outcomes from the 2002 Leaders' Meeting.
 - iii. Data Privacy**

Presentation by the United States on the status of the APEC Data Privacy Mapping Exercise.
- IV. Discussion of 2003 ECSG Work Plan**
 - i. Data Privacy**

Member Economies will review outcomes of the APEC ECSG Privacy Workshop, and discuss future work related to this topic, including development of compatible data privacy policies in the APEC region.

ii. Consumer Protection

Member economies to discuss implementation of the Consumer Protection Guidelines, and possible future policy considerations related to consumer protection in the APEC region.

a) Online Consumer Protection Software

Presentation by Australia's Treasury Department on their online consumer protection software and its possible use by APEC ECSG member economies.

iii. Information Security Forum

Presentation by the United States on a proposed APEC ECSG Information Security Forum to take place at SOM III.

iv. APEC E-Commerce Business Alliance

Presentation by the China on the status of the APEC E-Commerce Business Alliance, and an update on the APEC E-Commerce Fair and High-Level Symposium to be held in Yantai, China, April 24-28, 2003.

v. APEC ECSG Projects

a) Presentation by Chinese Taipei on the status of the APEC E-Commerce Seminar to be held in June 2003 – "Towards a Cross-Border Paperless Trading Environment".

b) Member economies to discuss establishment of a project evaluation subgroup, to evaluate the outcomes of ECSG sponsored projects, and to consider ideas for new initiatives to be submitted to the BMC in August 2003.

vi. Update of the APEC E-Commerce Stocktake

Members economies will discuss the need to update the APEC E-Commerce Stocktake.

vii. Contribution to the Trade Facilitation Action Plan

Member economies will discuss ways to contribute to the Trade Facilitation Action Plan's component on electronic commerce.

V. Discussion of the Renewal of the ECSG Mandate

i. APEC Blueprint for Action on Electronic Commerce

Member economies to discuss and agree on an update of the 1998 Blueprint, and the inclusion of the Proposal for Strengthening Economic and Technical Cooperation among APEC Economies in the Field of E-Commerce.

ii. Proposed Changes to the Structure of the ECSG

Member economies to discuss a presentation by the Chair on a new structure for the ECSG.

iii. Nomination and Appointment of Chair

Member economies to nominate and vote on Chair of ECSG for 2003-2005.

iv. ECSG Website and Communications Strategy

Report by the United States on the ECSG Website and discussion on how to better communicate the work of the ECSG to APEC economies.

VI. Other Business

i. Presentation on IMSN

Update by Sitesh Bhojani, Commissioner, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on the work of the IMSN

ii. Presentation on the Global Business Dialogue on Electronic Commerce (GBDe)

Presentation by Japan on the GBDe and a discussion by member economies of a possible role for the ECSG in the consumer-business dialogue.

iii. OECD-APEC Global Forum on the Digital Economy

Presentation by the Chair on the results of the OECD-APEC Global Forum on the Digital Economy.

iv. World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

Presentation by Japan on the Regional Conference on the WSIS. Discussion by member economies on APEC input to WSIS.

v. APEC E-Government Forum

Approval of the APEC ECSG paper on the APEC ECSG E-Government Forum to be submitted to the APEC TEL.

VII. Report to the SOM

The Co-Chairs will lead a discussion on the report to Senior Officials at SOM I.

VIII. Next Meeting